

## RUMANIANS STOP A TEUTON DRIVE

Von Falkenhayn's Forces are  
Unable to Make Progress  
in Transylvania Alps.

### ALLIES MNKE GAINS IN WEST

French and British Advance Along  
Somme Front—Vigorous Fight-  
ing Near Monastir, Serbia.

London, Oct. 30.—The Rumanians apparently regard the advance of the Austro-Germans under Von Falkenhayn in the Carpathians and Transylvanian Alps as a greater menace than on Mackensen's sweep in Dobrudja. Depending upon the Danube river to keep the latter's invading force in check, the Rumanians have strengthened their armies in the north and west and have gained further success against the Austro-Germans.

Today's statement from Bucharest says that the Russo-Rumanian forces are operating successfully against the Teutons near the junction of Rumania, Bukovina and Transylvania. To the south, near Campulung, and in the Jiu Valley they have gained victories, capturing two howitzer batteries which were turned against the Teutons. At other points attempts of the Teutons' forces to advance were checked.

#### Allies Gain On the Somme.

In the Dobrudja, the northward retreat of the Russians and Rumanians continues. It is expected by military observers here that the Rumanians will make no further effort to defend that region and will try to withdraw their forces across the Danube river.

On the Somme front in France both the British and French made advances today. The British followed up their advantage of yesterday and seized a German trench northeast of LeBoueffs. The French gained further ground near Sully-Saillisset and Blaches. The Germans have countered with a heavy bombardment of the newly won allied positions.

#### Vigorous Fighting in Serbia.

Berlin says that the Russians attempted to take the offensive in strong force along the front in Galicia and Volhynia, but that all attacks were put down with great loss to the Slavs.

Vigorous fighting continues in the region of Monastir, Serbia, especially in the bend of the Cerna river. The Serbians claim further advances against the Bulgarians. Sofia counters with the report that the German troops further west drove back allied troops which attempted to advance.

#### Rumanians Fighting Hard.

London, Oct. 28.—Rumania, caught in the grip of two invading forces of the central powers, still is struggling desperately to ward off the incessant attacks of Field Marshal von Mackensen and General von Falkenhayn.

Advancing northward in Dobrudja, Von Mackensen's troops have reached a line running from Hirsova on the Danube to Casapkeui on the Black sea coast, from forty to sixty miles from where they crossed the Constantza-Tchernavoda railway line.

The capture of Hirsova would give the Teutonic allies the advantage of having little marshy ground to traverse, should they agree to make a crossing of the river here into Old Rumania, as the low-lying ground virtually disappears for some distance around Hirsova.

General von Falkenhayn continues to make progress in the direction of Campulung, south of Predeal, on the Transylvania front, and Bucharest admits a retirement of the Rumanian forces in the Jiu valley, which is situated in the Vulcan pass region.

The Russo-Rumanian forces to the north have repulsed Austro-German attacks, while in the Uzul valley, the Rumanians continue to advance and in the region of Okna have occupied a height and a village.

Inclement weather is hampering the operations on the Somme and Macedonian fronts and only bombardments have taken place in these regions. Another attempt by the Germans at an attack west of Douaumont in the Verdun region was checked by the French curtain of fire. The Germans are still heavily bombarding all the newly won positions of the French in this region.

London, Oct. 27.—Except for the announcement that the Rumanians before their retreat from Tchernavoda blew up the big bridge spanning the Danube river, thereby placing an obstacle in the way of the advance of the Teutonic allies from Dobrudja into old Rumania, if such a move was intended by them, little fresh knowledge of the real situation in that sector of the world's war has been vouchsafed by either the Rumanian or Teutonic allies' war chancelleries.

GEN. G. W. GOETHALS



Major General Goethals has been appointed by the president chairman of the commission to investigate the workings of the Adamson eight-hour law for railroads. Interstate Commissioner Clarke and Trade Commissioner Rublee are the other members.

### BAKER WARNS OF BORDER PLOT

Mexican Bandits are Planning Attack  
on American Troops, Says the  
Secretary of War.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Secretary Baker issued a formal statement tonight saying that definite information has been received by the war department that a bandit attack upon American troops in Mexico or on an American border town has been arranged to take place between now and election day to create sentiment against the administration's Mexican policy. It added that General Funston and Pershing have been warned and are in readiness for such an attack.

Mr. Baker issued this statement: "The war department has received definite information confirmed from other sources, that enemies of the administration's policy towards Mexico, in connection with Villa or other bandits in Mexico have arranged a spectacular attack to be made either upon some part of the American forces or upon some American community on the border between now and the date of the election, for the purpose of turning the tide of sentiment against the policy which the administration has adopted for the protection of the border."

"It is significant in this connection that both the state and war departments were advised that the bandit forces operating at the present time in Mexico are being paid in silver coin."

"Full particulars have been transmitted to General Funston and General Pershing. All American forces are, therefore, forewarned and in readiness for such an attack."

No additional information could be obtained from Mr. Baker, who left the city before the statement was made public, for Martinsburg, W. Va., to deliver a campaign speech.

Secretary Lansing tonight authorized the statement that Secretary Baker had no intention of intimating that American citizens were involved in the bandit attack plot. The secretary said that it had been called to his attention that an effort would be made to construe the war department's statement as a political play and as an assault upon the administration's political opponents. He denounced such a construction as absolutely false, declaring that politics was not given a thought in connection with the matter and that it was inconceivable that any man would ally himself with Mexicans to attack his own countrymen.

### CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

Seven men were injured severely near Cleveland, Ok., when a valve blew up under a 700-pound pressure at a gas well on the Diem farm. One man will lose his sight as a result of his injuries, while the others sustained broken legs and arms and severe bruises.

Admitting his mission was secret and that he could not discuss it at this time, Count Kania Volkanya, Austro-Hungarian minister to Mexico, passed through San Antonio, Tex., recently on his way to Washington.

## NEW U-BOAT CRISIS

Old Controversy May be Re-  
vived by Renewed Subma-  
rine Activity.

### SHIPS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Several Americans on Marina and  
Rowanmore Recently Sent Down  
Off the Irish Coast.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Preliminary reports of the sinking by German submarines of the British steamers Marina and Rowanmore, partly manned by Americans, were too incomplete tonight to enable officials at the State Department to form an opinion as to whether there had been a violation of neutral rights or of pledges given the United States by Germany. Secretary Lansing declined to comment further than to admit that the reports appeared more serious than the usual routine dispatches announcing the destruction of belligerent merchantmen, and that full information would be awaited with interest.

#### Gravest Case Since Sussex.

On its face, the case of the Marina, reported by Consul Frost at Queens-town, presents the gravest situation that has arisen since the sinking of the channel liner Sussex, which brought the American and German governments to the verge of a break. Although he said his information was purely "provisional," the consul cabled that the Marina, a "horse transport with a mixed crew of British and Americans" was reported sunk without warning by German submarine gunfire, one hundred miles west of Cape Clear, and that seventy of the crew of 104 were missing.

Press dispatches have indicated that the missing men might reach shore in their boats.

Another message from Mr. Frost said members of the crew of the Rowanmore, including Americans, had been shelled in their boats while abandoning the ship after being chased by a submarine for forty minutes. There were no casualties.

#### To Await Complete Report.

Apparently all depends upon the accuracy of the first reports; whether the Marina actually was attacked without warning or whether she is to be recorded as only another of the scores of British carriers that have gone to the bottom as the result of their skippers' desperate efforts to outrun enemy shells.

Until a full report has come from Consul Frost no step will be taken by the State Department.

### FEEL HIGH COST OF LIVING

United States Diplomats in Urgent  
Need of Financial Assistance,  
Says State Department.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Urgent need of financial assistance for American consular officials and clerical assistants in Europe, obliged since the war to pay three times or more normal peace time prices for foodstuffs and personal necessities, is shown in reports received by the State Department. Almost without exception these show that what was regarded before the war as an attractive compensation for consular employees is today scarcely sufficient to provide food and the bare necessities.

The \$150,000 allowance given by Congress as a war fund for consular officers to meet increased demands has been allotted and the department is unable to extend further relief. No provision was made for the relief of clerks and other employees and except for a few whose salaries have been increased no assistance has been given this class and none is possible until Congress provides additional funds.

### CHANGE IN NAVAL CENSORS

Lieutenants Clark and Keep Trans-  
ferred From the Sayville and  
Siasconsett Wireless Stations.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Transfer of Lieut. Charles R. Clark and Lieut. H. S. Keep, naval censors of Sayville and Siasconsett wireless stations, respectively, to other posts was announced today by Admiral Benson, chief of operations. The admiral denied published reports that his action was taken because Great Britain protested that the officers had permitted unneutral information to go out concerning the recent raid of the German submarine U-53 on the New England Coast.

"It is not true that these officers were transferred to other duty as a result of requests of any foreign government or persons," said Admiral Benson. "I took the initiative without consultation or direction from any other authority."

## HAS EL PASO A VILLA JUNTA?

Carranza Consul Declares Bandit Chief  
is Getting Aid From American  
Side of Border.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 28.—Reports that arms and ammunition had been smuggled into Mexico from the United States and insistence of the Mexican representatives that the United States government take steps to check the assistance they declare Villa and other bandits are receiving from persons on this side of the border featured the discussions today of the Mexican-American joint commission at the close of the second month of the conferences. Consideration of these subjects took much of the time of the commissioners, as did a suggestion of the American commissioners that provision be made in the agreement for the adoption of international quarantine regulations so broad in character that the American government may send into Mexico commissioners on sanitation, who will work with Mexican agents in combating disease.

Receipt of confirmed reports of deplorable sanitary conditions in many parts of Mexico, especially in certain ports where there are a few cases of yellow fever, and more of typhus, caused the American representatives to suggest that international quarantine regulations be provided for.

The session closed today with assurance that a general agreement for the establishment of peace along the border and the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico is "well under way."

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 28.—Before leaving for New York today on a confidential mission for his government, Andreas Garcia, inspector general of Carranza consulates in the United States, announced that he was in possession of information that a "junta" was in existence in El Paso, which had for its purpose the directing of Villa's movements in the field. He said this organization was composed of former revolutionists who had been close to Villa in the past, and added that he had received an unconfirmed report that there were a few Americans implicated in the organization.

He said he had information that Mexican silver pesos were being purchased here and at other points along the border, and expressed the opinion that these coins were being smuggled across the border for Villa to pay his men, the bandit leader having promised them one silver peso a day, according to information from the interior.

### EXPECT NEW VILLA ATTACK

Santa Rosalia, Situated South of Chi-  
huahua Now Threatened by  
the Bandit Forces.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Oct. 30.—A small force of bandits believed to be operating as part of Francisco Villa's scouting force, was reported at Sauz, about one hundred miles south of Juarez on the Mexican Central Railroad line yesterday, a report made to General Trevino by Col. Reyes Sanchez, commanding the Carranza forces there, stated tonight.

Reports from the field state that Villa is moving toward Santa Rosalia and had passed through the Santa Gertrudis Ranch near Santa Rosalia. No attack has yet been made upon Santa Rosalia, by the bandits, according to General Trevino. General Maycotte was expected to reach there late today. The railroad line, which was cut by bandits near Ortiz, is being repaired.

The telegraph line is still down south of here, but overland communication has been established to the first station beyond the broken line.

### FIGHT IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

German Destroyers Make Raid on Brit-  
ish Transports—Each Side Loses  
Two Vessels.

London, Oct. 28.—British and German destroyers clashed in a sharp naval engagement in the English Channel last night, the admiralty announced this afternoon.

Ten German destroyers attempted to raid the British cross-channel transport service last night, but the attempt failed, says the official statement.

Two of the German destroyers were sunk and the others were driven off. One British torpedo boat destroyer, the Flirt, and an empty transport, the Queen, were sunk, the British statement adds, and another destroyer, the Nubian, was disabled by a torpedo and ran aground. Nine members of the crew of the Flirt and all of the crew of the Queen were saved.

The naval fight last night is the first engagement of the war in the English Channel, excepting submarine activities and the first serious clash between British and German warships since the great battle of Jutland, May 31, 1916.

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### DRESSES KEEP COWS' HEALTH

Experiments Have Proved That Pro-  
tecting Animals From the Cold  
Brings Good Results.

An authority on dress and its cut for dairy cows is Sir Francis Webster, a wealthy manufacturer of hemp goods in Scotland and the owner of a stock range in Texas embracing 1,500,000 acres and thousands of head of stock.

Sir Francis' cows are dressed regularly every winter in suits of hemp cloth made at his own manufacturing establishment, to protect them from the cold and snow, minimize the dangers from tuberculosis, and increase their daily yield of milk. Each cow has two suits a week.

They are not elaborate dress affairs by any means, with lingerie and all that. It is a man-made dress of one piece, or simply a overall blanket that fits loosely. This, of course, means added expense, but the yield of milk during cold weather is about 27 per cent larger than from cows not similarly protected.

Latest in Photography.  
The possibility of photographing objects several miles distant with a moving picture camera has been investigated by the United States bureau of standards, with successful results. A camera of great focal length was employed.

Los Angeles police last year arrested one person for every twelve of population.

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